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CANDIDATES AND POLITICAL COMMITTEES FINED FOR PDC VIOLATIONS

Olympia – Chair of the Public Disclosure Commission, Christine Yorozu, said on Thursday that she will let the full Commission adjudicate the case against **Protect Our Pets and Wildlife**, a political committee involved in Initiative 713 during the 2000 election.

The complaint against Protect Our Pets and Wildlife, brought before Yorozu at a Brief Enforcement Hearing, alleges the political committee failed to timely report orders placed for media buys of over \$500,000 during the campaign. A full hearing will be scheduled for January 2002.

Political Committees

Chair Christine Yorozu found the following political committees in violation of the public disclosure act at the Brief Enforcement Hearing:

Washington State Council of Firefighters was assessed a penalty of \$500 with \$200 suspended for making contributions to three legislative candidates during the 1998 election that exceeded the statutory contribution limits. Yorozu suspended the \$200 on the condition that no further violations of the statute are committed for a four-year period.

Active in Democracy, the political committee of Firefighters Local 31, was assessed a penalty of \$300 for making contributions to two legislative candidates during the 1998 election that exceeded the statutory contribution limits. Yorozu suspended the entire civil penalty on the condition that no further violations of the statute are committed for a four-year period.

Amalgamated Transit Union Local 758 and Local 1384 were found in violation of failing to file an annual Special Political Expenditure report (PDC form C-7). Yorozu assessed no civil penalty, but deferred penalty if either local is found in violation of the public disclosure act during the next four years.

A separate case against **Amalgamated Transit Union Local 757** for failure to file an annual Special Political Expenditure report was dismissed.

Candidates and Appointed Officials

Chair Yorozu assessed the following civil penalties against individuals at the Brief Enforcement Hearing:

Kevin Wimsett, candidate for Pierce County Council was assessed a penalty of \$500 for failure to file timely reports of contributions and expenditures during the 2000 election. Yorozu suspended \$300 of the penalty on the condition that no further violations of the statute are committed for a four-year period.

Lori Simmons, candidate for City Council in the City of Steilacoom, was found in violation for failure to file a Statement of Financial Affairs (PDC form F-1) within two weeks of becoming a candidate. Yorozu did not assess a civil penalty. The F-1 report is currently on file.

Donald Root, Member of the Board of Trustees at Seattle Community College, was assessed a penalty of \$100 for failure to file an annual Statement of Financial Affairs (PDC form F-1). The F-1 report has not been filed.

Matt Madison, Commissioner for Tanglewilde Parks and Recreation Commission, was assessed a penalty of \$150 for failure to file a Statement of Financial Affairs (PDC form F-1) within two weeks of being appointed. The F-1 report has not been filed.

Lobbyist Employers

Thirteen Lobbyist Employers were assessed penalties ranging from \$100 to \$250 for failure to file an annual report of the Employer's Lobbying Expenses (PDC form L-3). The lobbyist employers who were fined included:

- **Polaroid Corporation** was assessed a civil penalty of \$250.
- **ADESA Washington, Inc.** was assessed a civil penalty of \$100.
- **Alliance of Auto Manufacturers** was assessed a civil penalty of \$175.
- **American Planning Association** was assessed a civil penalty of \$150.
- **Boys & Girls Clubs of America** was assessed a civil penalty of \$150.
- **EMC Corporation** was assessed a civil penalty of \$150.
- **Nextlink Washington Inc.** was assessed a civil penalty of \$150.
- **Ski-Free Watersports Development** was assessed a civil penalty of \$175.
- **Southwest Washington Medical Center** was assessed a civil penalty of \$150.
- **Washington Association of Education Centers** was assessed a civil penalty of \$175.
- **Washington Association of Retail Liquor Agency** was assessed a civil penalty of \$150.
- **Washington State Drilling & Ground Water Association** was assessed a civil penalty of \$150.
- **Washington State Grange** was assessed a civil penalty of \$175.

The case against **Surplus Line Association of Washington** was dismissed.

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